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## **APPLICATION**

Ameris Bank, founded in 1971, has grown well beyond its South Georgia roots with over 200 locations across the Southeast. In 2015, when the bank was going through a significant acquisition, they needed a completely secure solution for integrating the records of the newly acquired bank.

### **CHALLENGE**

Acquisitions are complex. Integrating teams and systems can be difficult. When Ameris Bank was going through an important acquisition, they turned to SRS as their records partner. The bank needed the records to ultimately live electronically but scanning 812,500 images is no small (or fast) feat. While the files were being scanned, they needed uninterrupted access to their information. Additionally, the regulatory standards of the banking industry require total data security.

# **SOLUTION**

SRS proposed a two-part solution for both completing the backfile scanning, but also enabling the bank to have immediate access to the records during the interim. SRS picked up, indexed, and stored 251 containers for the duration of the project. SRS provided an innovative solution to meet the stringent security standards of the bank by building a completely secure, closed loop IT infrastructure for scanning the records off-the-network. SRS then scanned 251 containers, or approximately 812,500 images, which were exported to high-capacity encrypted drives and delivered to the Ameris IT team for integrating with their existing records system.

# **RESULT**

SRS's ability to immediately index the records upon arrival gave the Ameris team continuous access to their records throughout the acquisition and backfile scanning project. SRS was able to provide records within minutes via Scan on Demand. Once the scanning project was complete, the records from the newly acquired facility lived in client's secure electronic database as if they had always been there.

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